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The bitter tacticalquibbles of the Republicans, the disgraceful proceedings attending their dead-lock over the election of a United States Senator, the final defeat of their caucus nominating that position, and the general incompetence displayed by them during the recent session of the Legislature in dealing with public questions, are not calculated to command them to thinking people. The stay at home Democrats who permitted such a condition in this State will hardly wish to repeat the experiment.

THE CITY ELECTION.

A city election takes place next Tuesday. A Mayor, Aldermen from each ward, a Police Judge, a Marshal and a Street Commissioner are to be elected. There is no party nomination of any of the candidates, excepting to those several positions and no politics in the election in a partisan sense. But there is a feeling among many of our best citizens that the laws have not been strictly enforced as they should have been in certain directions, in fact, that there has been flagrant violation of some of the laws which pertain to the moral well-being of the community, which violations tend to drag down our youth, lead them astray and tempt them to fall into vicious and immoral habits. It is the desire of every good citizen that the laws shall be enforced, especially in the matter of gambling, of closing saloons, pool rooms and other places of debauchery resort on Sunday, at least. To do this, efficient who will not work at such violations should be elected. Every voter who believes in law and order should, before voting, inquire into the characters, antecedents and affiliations of the candidates for whom he votes, and cast a ballot that will stamp him as a respecter of morality and the law.

EP TO THE PEOPLE.

The taxpayers of Farmington school district are called upon to meet a great necessity to vote on a proposition to provide another public school building to house the district for \$20,000 for this purpose and for making some necessary improvements in our present school buildings. We know there is nothing that people are so sensitive about or reluctant to draw the voting of additional taxes upon themselves, but this is sometimes necessary, and if they refuse to do the permanent good of the State, the country and the community is imperiled. It is a responsibility incurred by our system of government, and to neglect it is to cripple and embarrass that system.

Missouri now has a compulsory educational law, which was enacted by the late General Assembly. Farmington school district has an enumeration of 705 white children of school age. The enrollment for the present school term exceeds 500. The seating capacity of its two school buildings, when crowded to their utmost, is 300. Can it enforce the compulsory educational law under such conditions? Can it do even partial justice to the 500 who voluntarily attend school when it has room in its school buildings for only 300? It is up to the people of the district to say what they will do. The necessity is certainly plain. The duty no less so. Will they meet it?

EXERCISES THE VETO.

The kind of home-rule for cities which the St. Louis police bill, passed at the recent session of the Legislature, contemplated, is not the sort of home-rule that Governor Folk had in view when advancing this principle in his campaign speeches and in his inaugural address. What he meant was a reform that would go to the root of the system in vogue, not the mere changing of the appointing power of certain commissioners from one-man power to another one man power; and so last Saturday he very decisively vetoed the St. Louis police bill.

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